

## A SMART <u>Mediator</u> answers your questions:

#### What is the authority for SMART?

- EEOC Notice 915.002 1995
- Administrative Dispute Resolution Act 1996
- 1999 EEOC Regulation 29 CFR Part 1614 requires Federal agencies to make an ADR program available during the EEO complaint process.

#### What is Your Role as Mediator?

I facilitate the mediation process to help the parties reach a resolution of their dispute. I do not decide the case or dictate the terms of a settlement. Both parties win and there is no loser, if agreement results.

## What Happens if Agreement Occurs?

- Either party may consult representatives.
- I draft an agreement acceptable to all parties and representatives.
- A signed settlement agreement is legally binding on the parties.

### SMART Coordinator

welcomes questions from Agency Heads, Managers, EEO & Personnel Officers, Union Officials & Employees

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## Be SMART Use SMART



When you have EEO Complaints, Grievances, & Workplace Disputes

Shared MediAtoR Team

provides FREE help with a high success rate!



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### What is SMART?

Shared MediAtoR Team, a
VOLUNTARY program of the
Greater Los Angeles Federal
Executive Board (FEB), which
arranges for Alternative Dispute
Resolution (ADR), specifically
Shared Neutral Mediators, to solve
local workplace disputes effectively
and efficiently at greatly reduced
cost.

## Managers like SMART because:

- SMART improves / relationships.
- <u>Productivity</u> is improved.
- SMART is <u>Impartial</u> and preserves <u>Confidentiality</u>.
- SMART is **FREE**.



## A satisfied **Employee** says:

- "SMART uses mediators from <u>other agencies</u>.
- SMART is <u>Impartial</u> and preserves <u>Confidentiality</u>.
- My <u>relationship</u> with my manager improved.
- SMART resolves problems faster and with less stress.
- There is <u>nothing to lose</u> and everything to gain by trying SMART."

# Union Officials like SMART because it resolves grievances.

- SMART better addresses the <u>root causes</u> of problems.
- If SMART doesn't work, the Complainant may still pursue agency processes.
- SMART increases union productivity.
- SMART mediators are FREE to the union.
- SMART lets the union <u>stay</u> in control.
- SMART mediators are trained professionals.

